POPSTRACTION: PLATONIC POPART. ABSTRACT PAINTINGS & SCULPTURES 2021

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INTRODUCTION

I hope you enjoy the following Popstraction. It's part of my artistic Platonism. This is an intuitive responses to Plato's theory of the Forms, through art and abstraction. The ancient Greek philosopher Plato used the notion of Forms as a way to explain what property the same kinds of objects had in common.

The "Third Man" criticism of the Forms is that if we need a Form for what is common between all things – eg Cats, or Red objects, then what is common between the (Red) objects and the (Red) Form. The alternative is Nominalism where we just recognise the similarity instantly and nothing is common between them.

I try to solve this criticism by making a tension between the objects and the Form. I ask how far away from the object can we make an image and yet still recognise the image as representing the object. In the move between seeing the image and seeing the object I hope that we can glimpse our Platonic Forms. To make us consciously link to the Form – or our idea of what it is we are looking at.

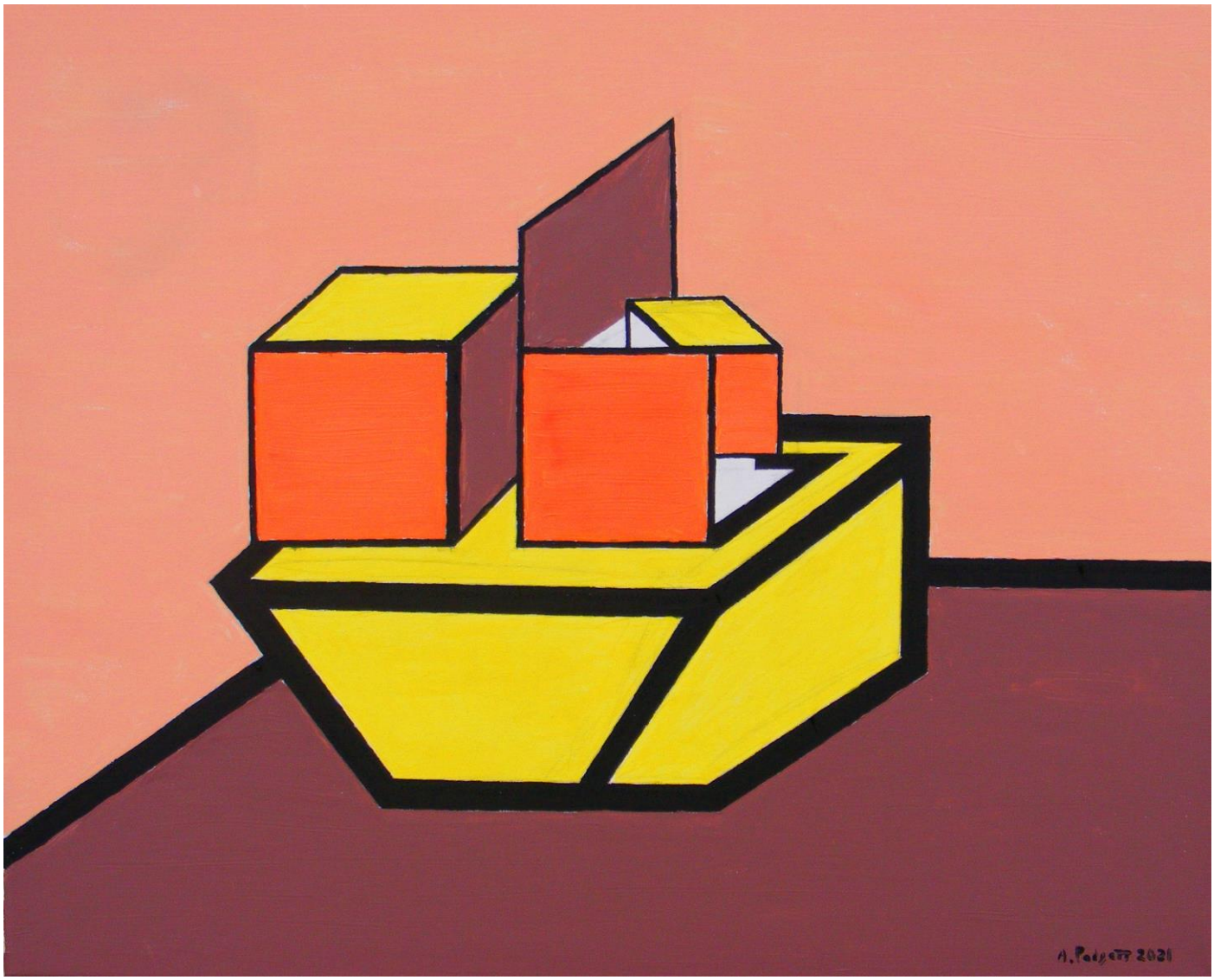
The work is philosophical art and part of my on-going experiments in line and colour - blurring the boundary between outline and colouring, drawing and painting. Some of the paintings combine inlines and outlines in a series of art investigations. My favourites are the faces with figures as features and the Greek Myth works that go back to the origins of art replacing "outlines" with "inline" skeletons.

The idea was to make the work as abstract as possible and still be recognisable as an object. And then to go further and distort the object and for it still to be recognisable.

I hope that you enjoy the resulting paintings and sculptures.

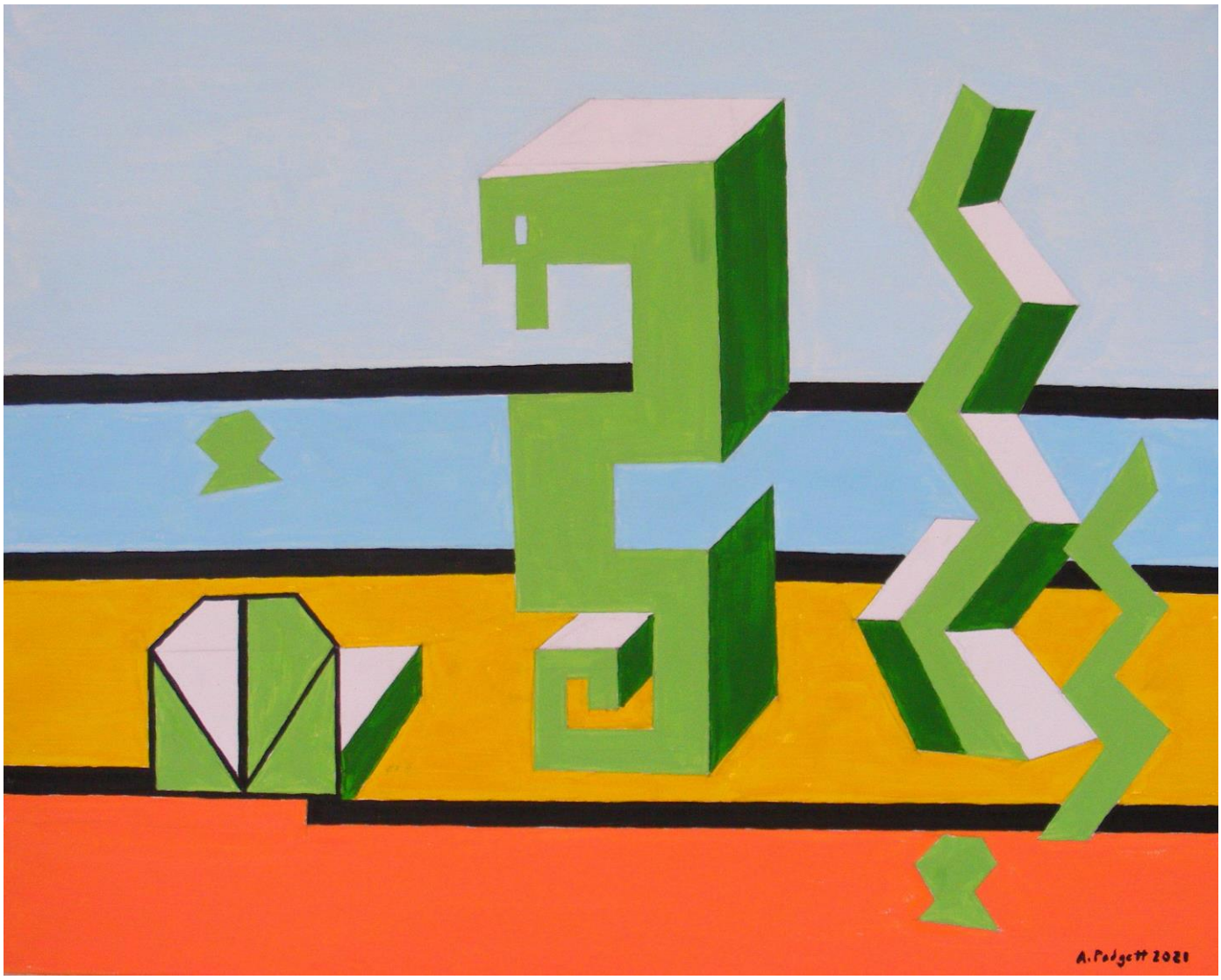
Anthony David Padgett – June 2021

1. Bowl of Oranges



Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm.

2. Seahorse



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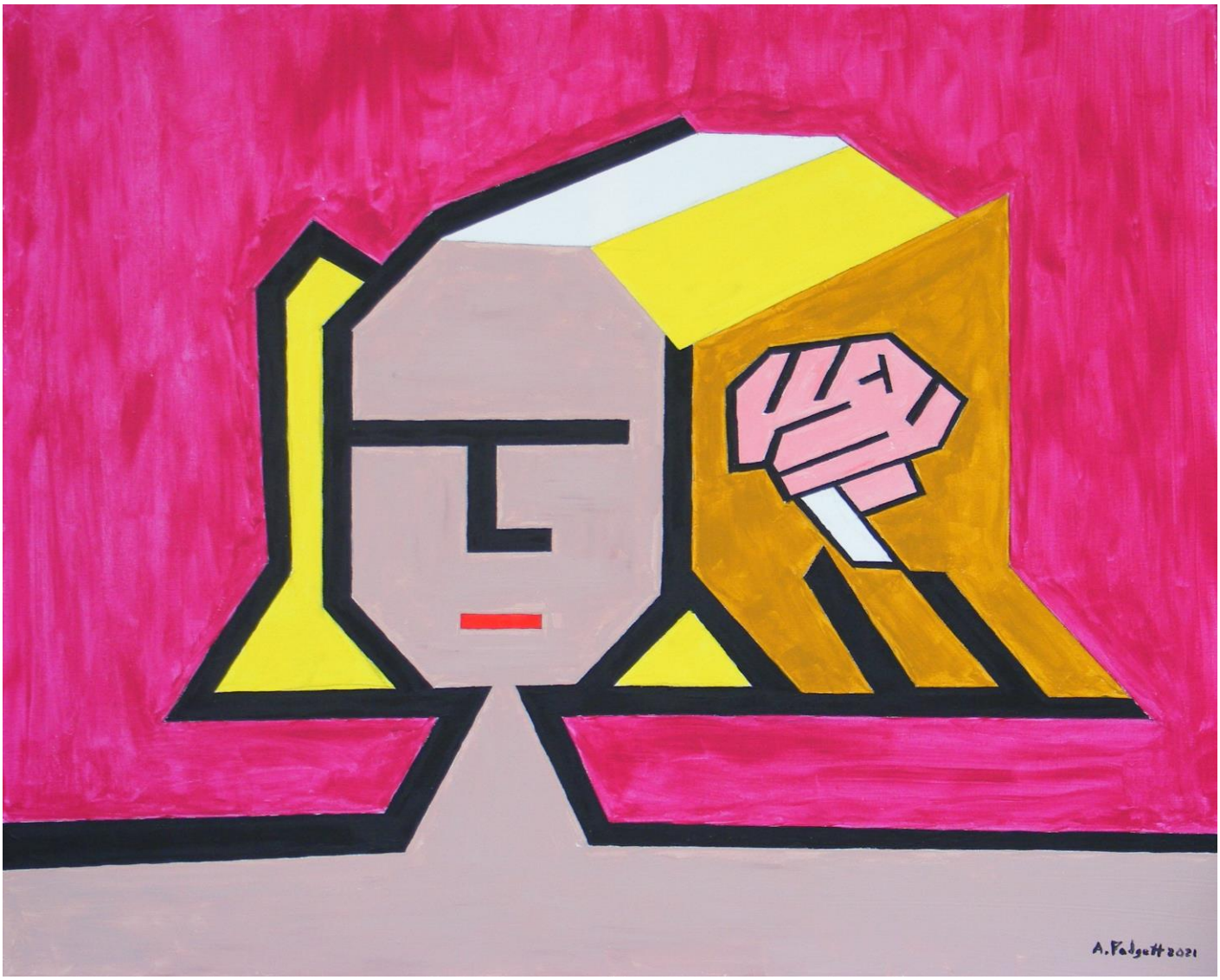
3. Lake District

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm .

4. Poppy & Daffodil

Acrylic on canvas 60x75cm.

5. Woman Thinking



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6. Bowl of Lemons

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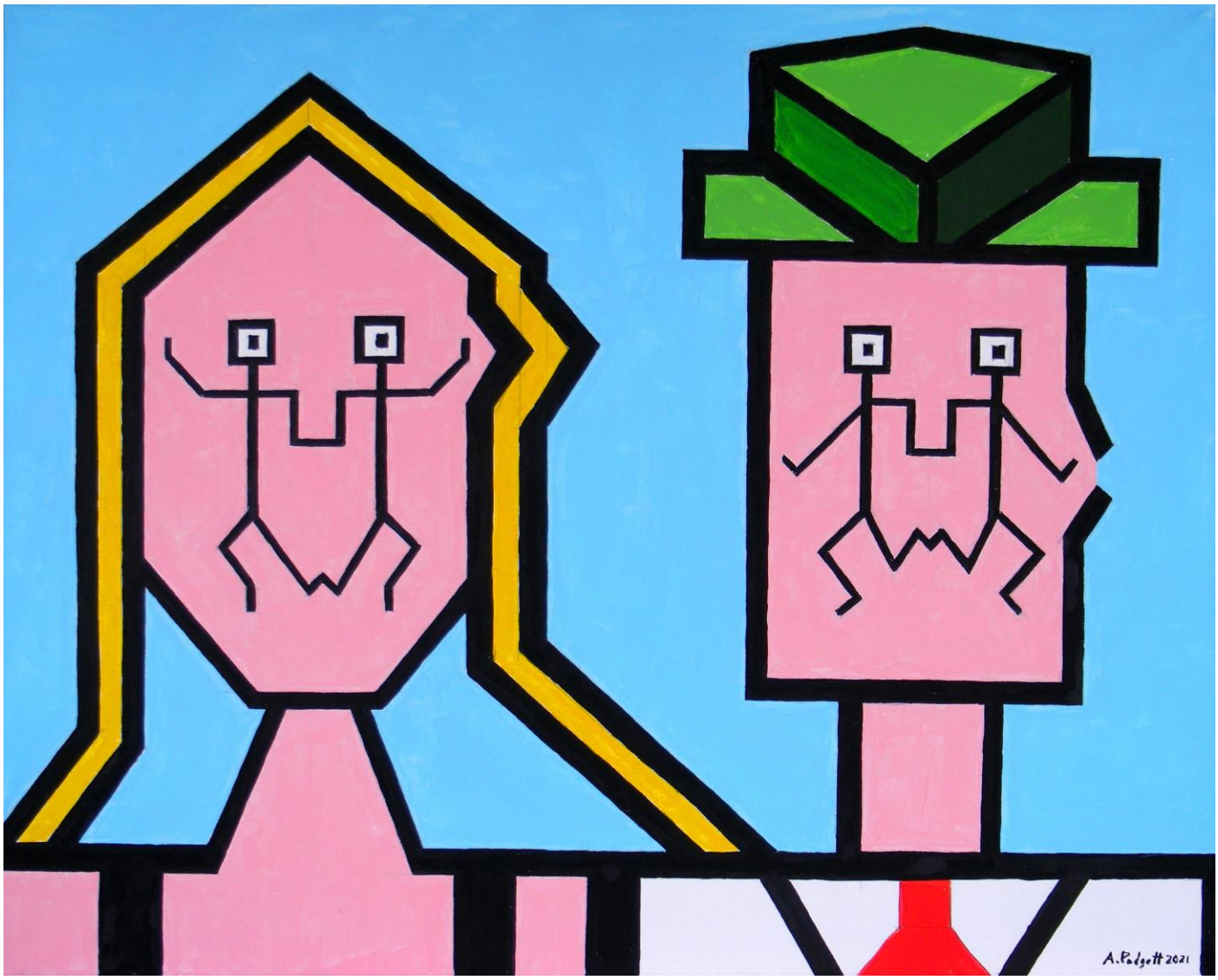
7. Dance Teachers



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8. Coffee Rocker

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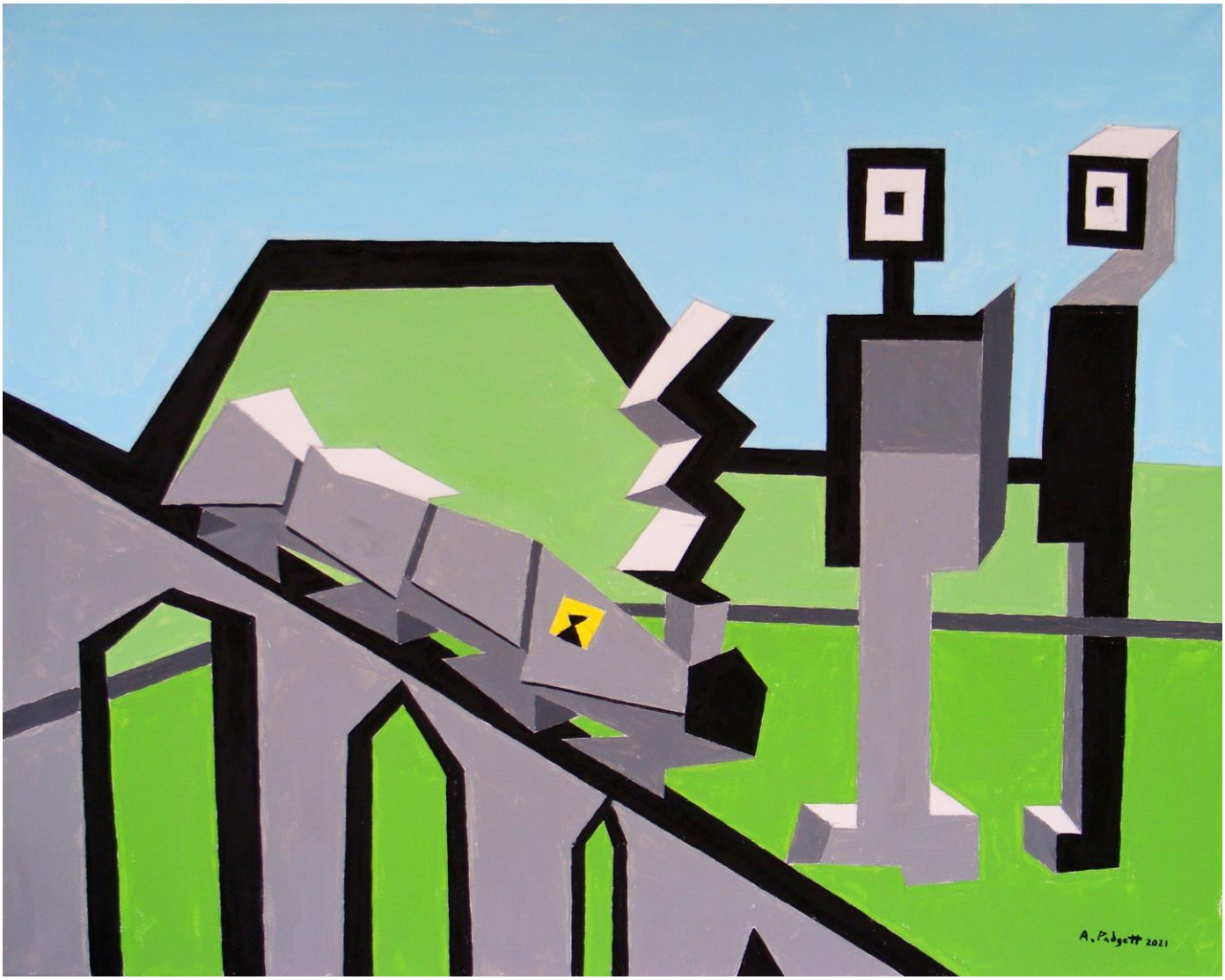
9. Tie Rant

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm.

10. Ingleborough & Ribblehead Viaduct



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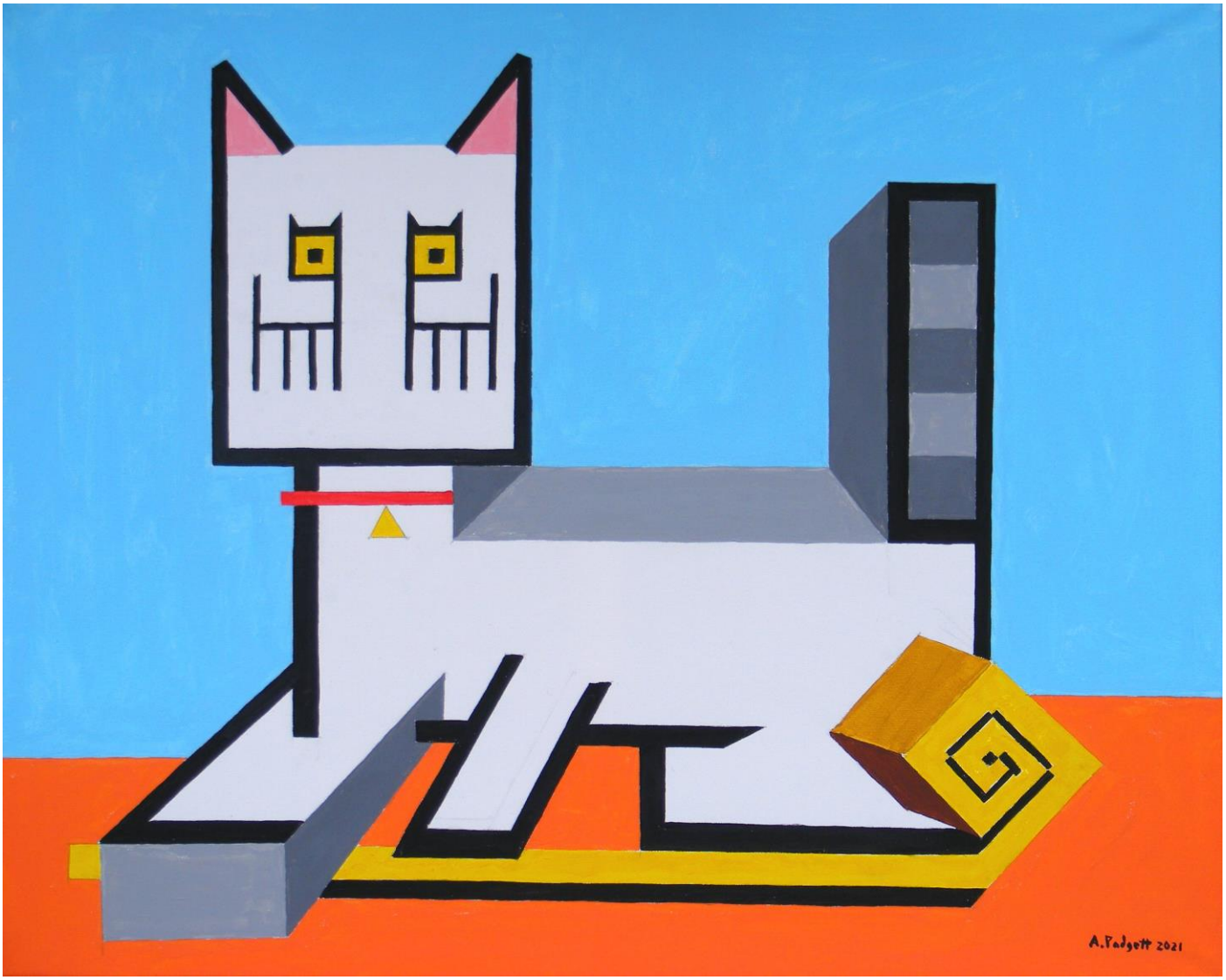
11. Buster The Cat



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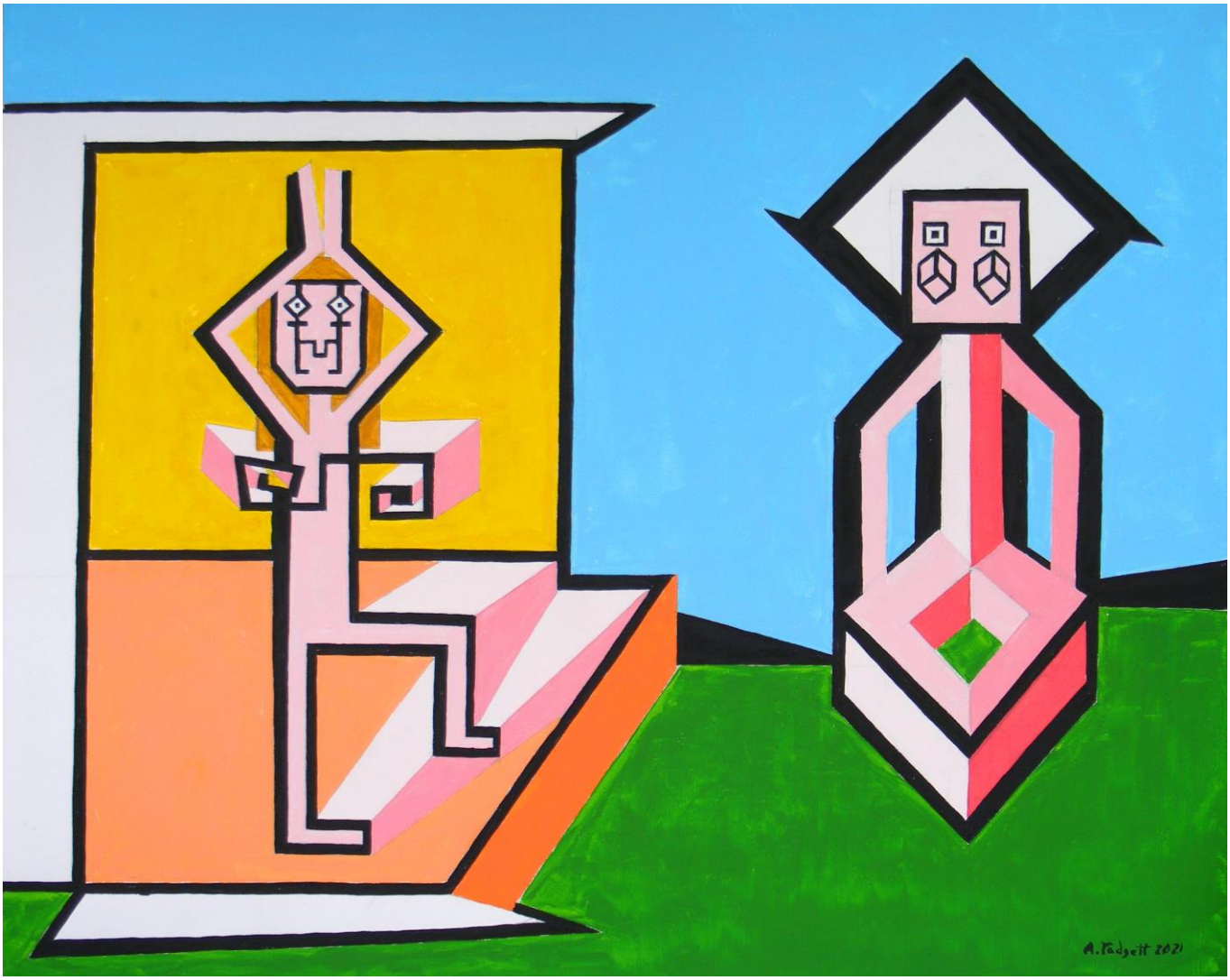
12. Yoga Meditation



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13. Dancers

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm.

14. Lake District Stag

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm .

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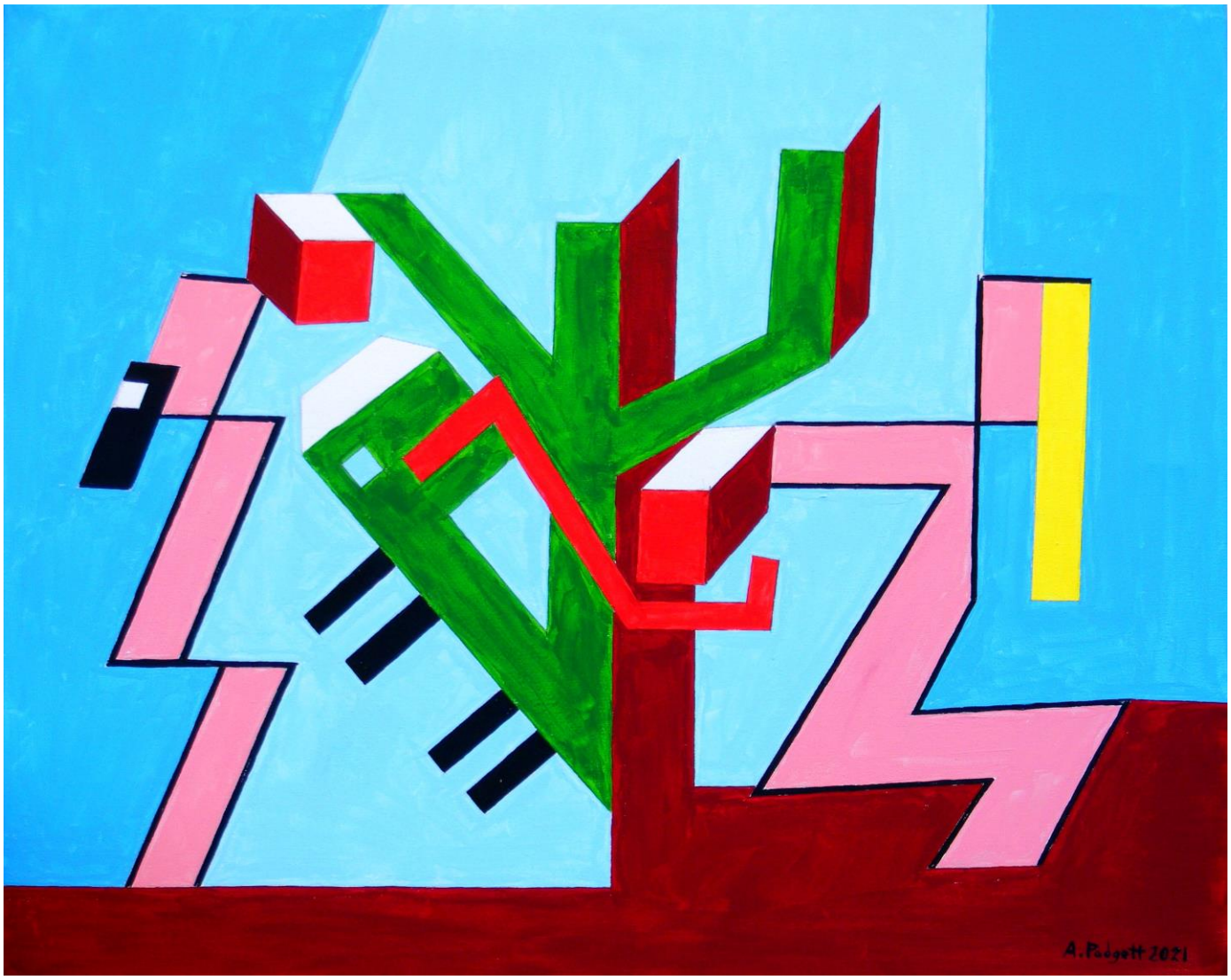
15. Garden of Eden



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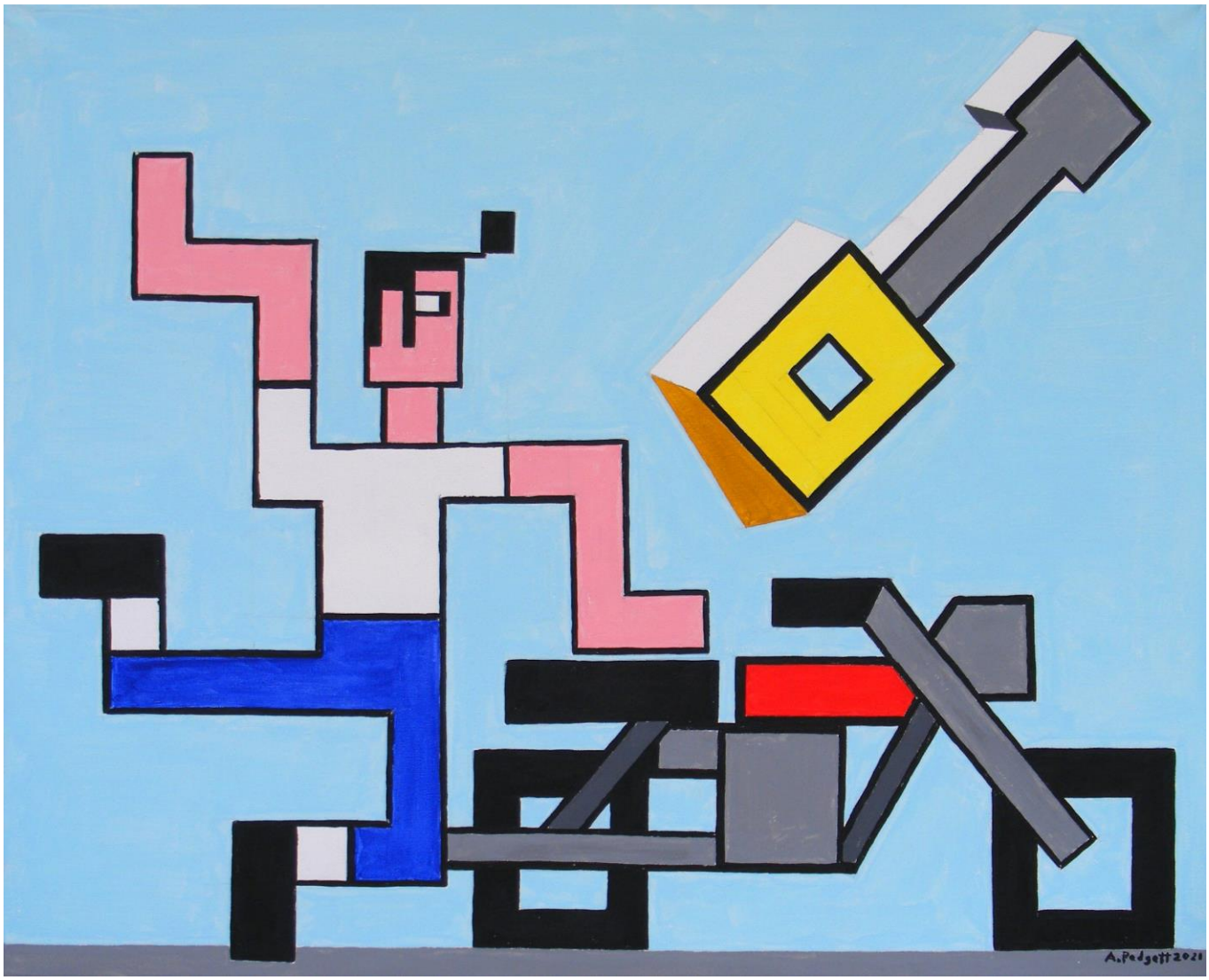
16. World Crucified

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm.

17. Rock n Roller



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18. Aphrodite

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm.

19. Eden Project Morecambe

Roadsign Printed Plastic65x55cm & Photograph 2021

20. Hercules and the Nemean Lion

Acrylic on canvas 75x60c .

21. Zoroastrian Icarus Vase

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm.

22. Killing Picasso the Minotaur

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm .

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23. Jesse Baby Boy - Dog

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm.

24. Inline Outline

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm .

25. Inner Outer Man

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm .

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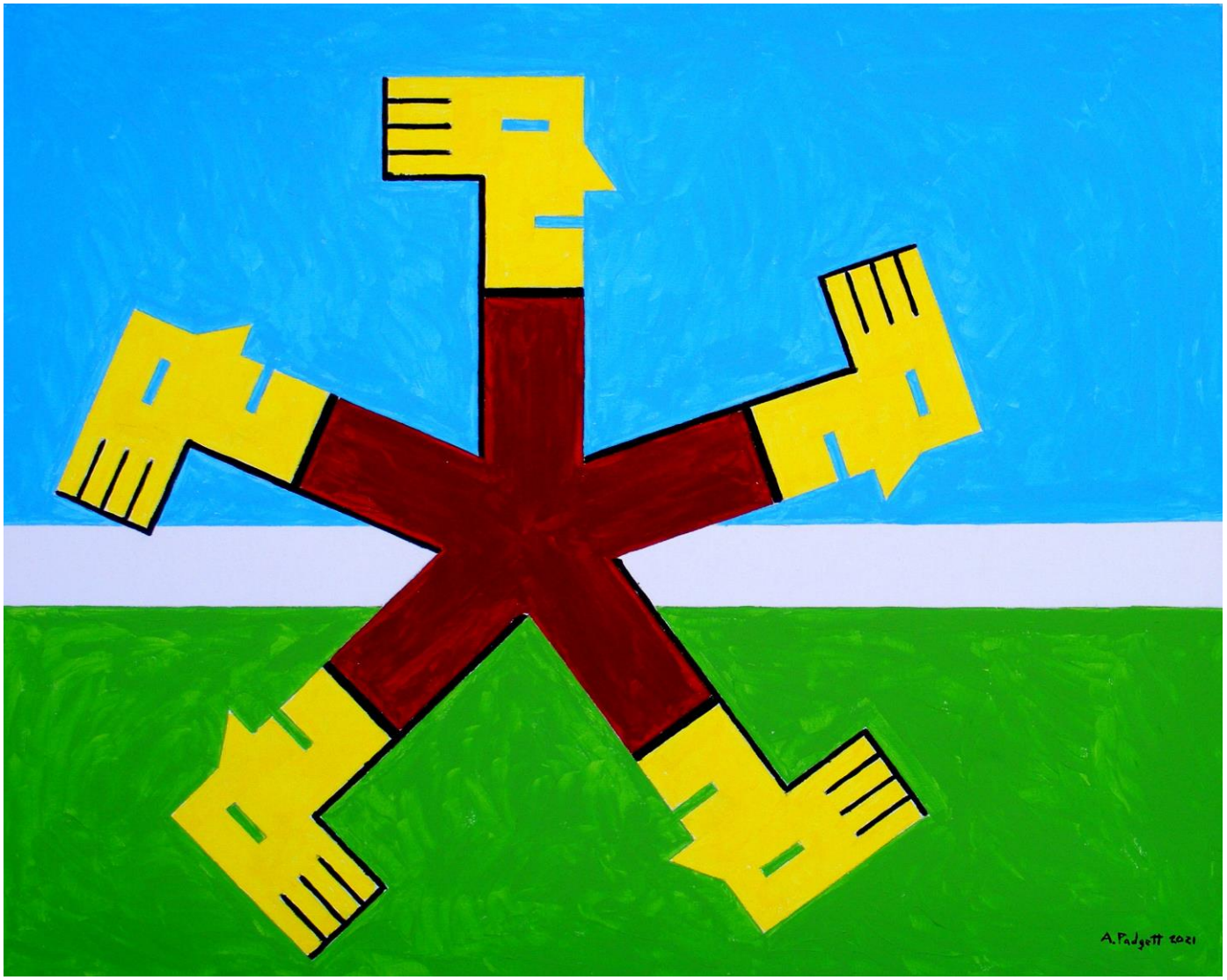
26. Head Walker



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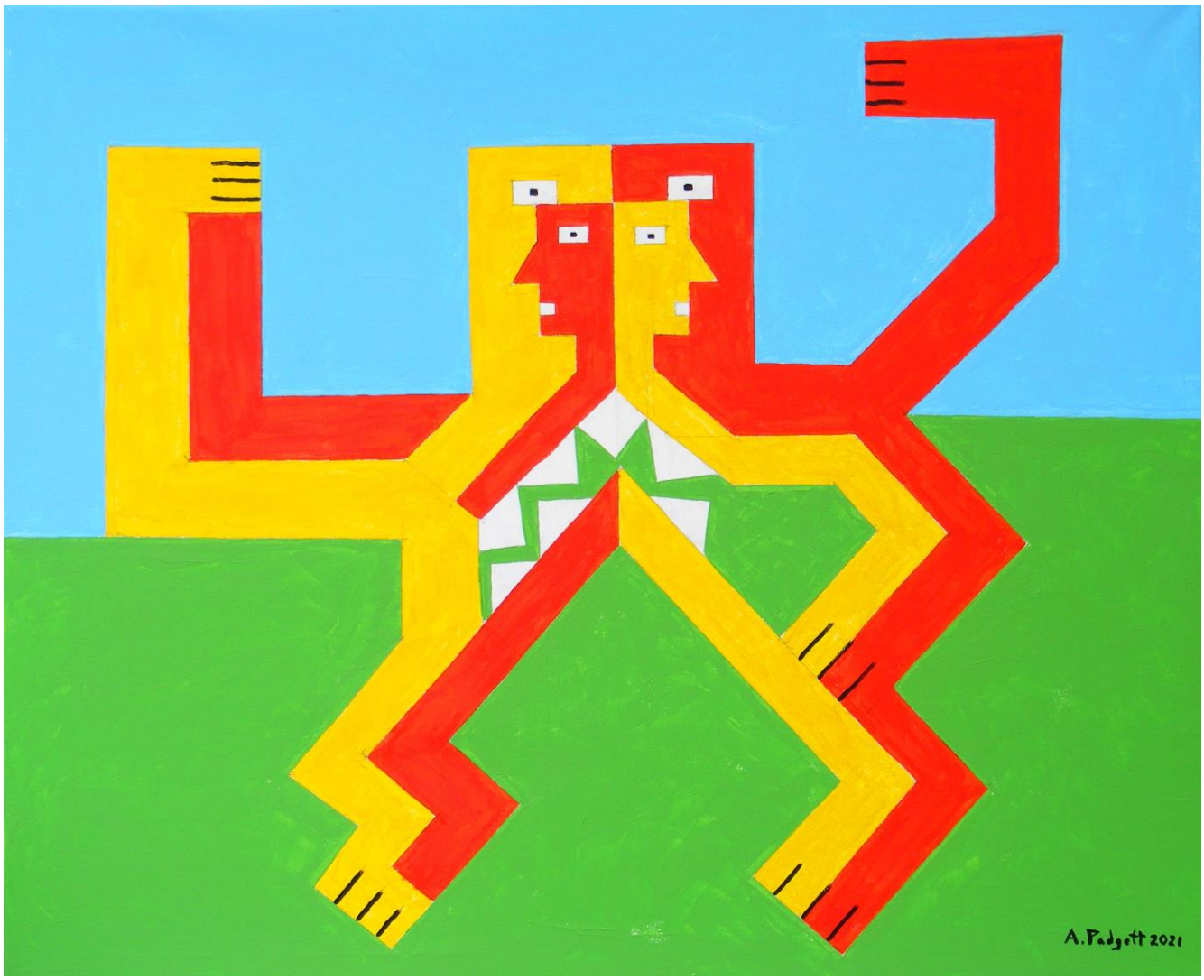
27. Humanity Eats Itself



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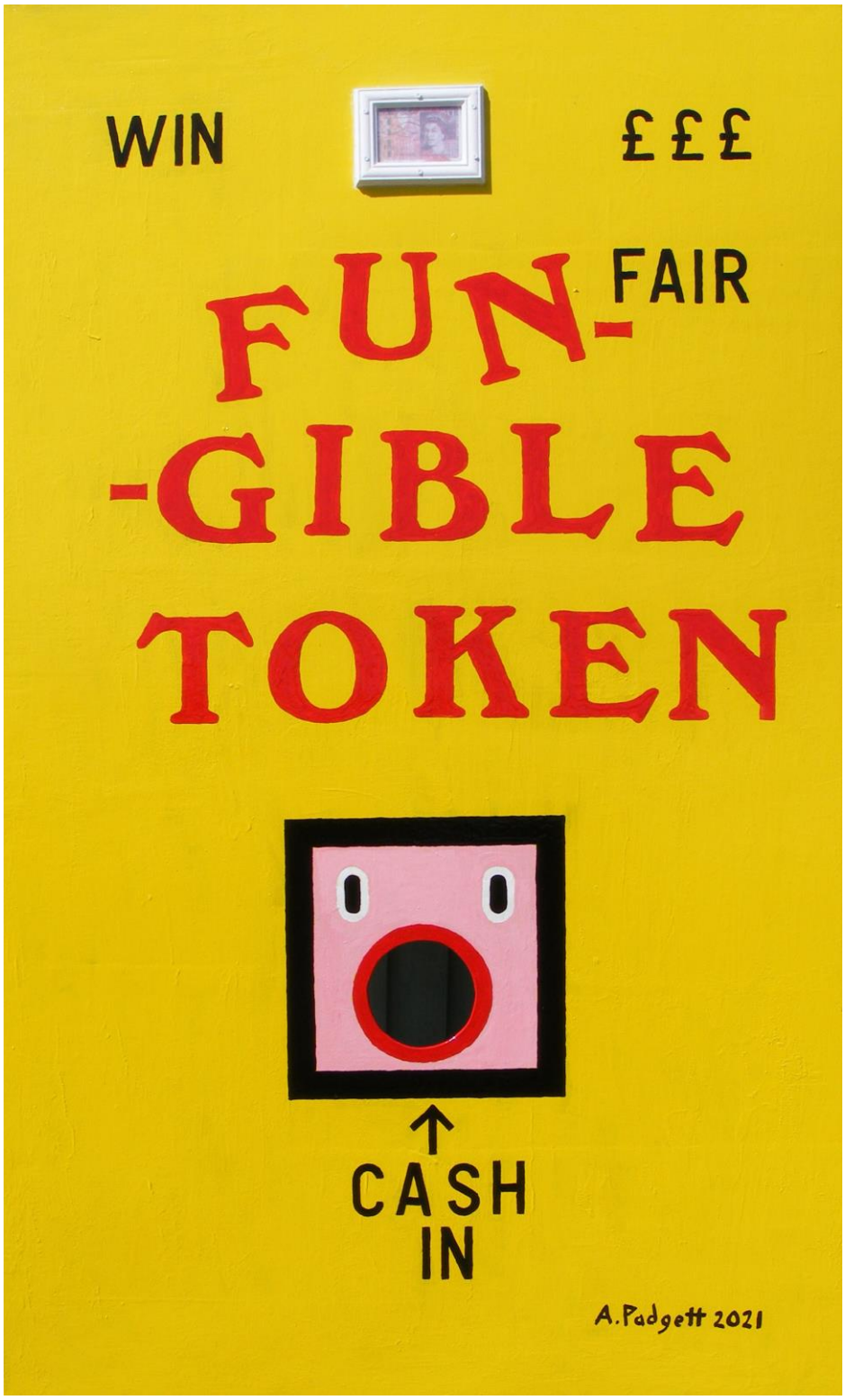
28. Fun (fair) gible Token



Oil paint on hardboard 150x200cm

29. YZ Nutbird

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm

30. Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson

Acrylic on canvas 75x60cm

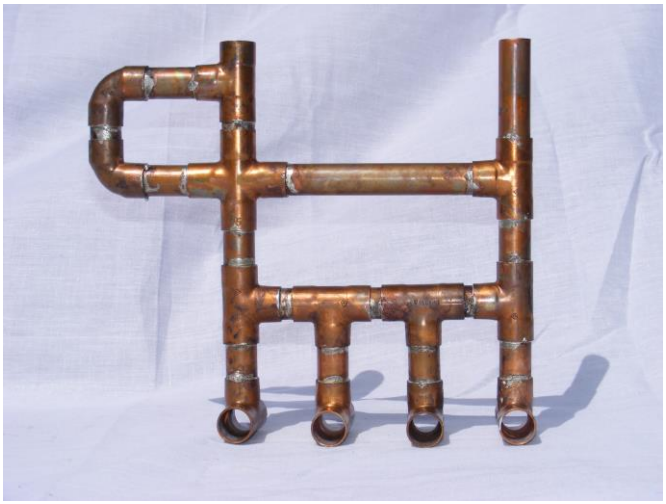
31. Sunflower

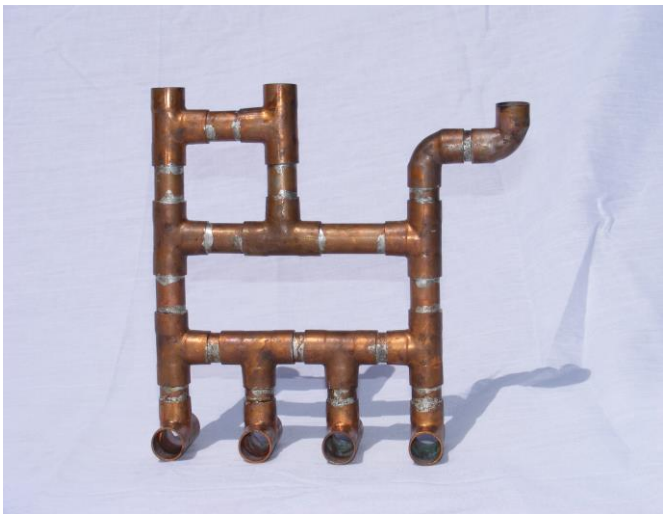
Copper Pipe 22x65x10cm.

32. Manchester Menorah

Copper Pipe and Beeswax candles 35x32x8cm.

33. Dog and Cat



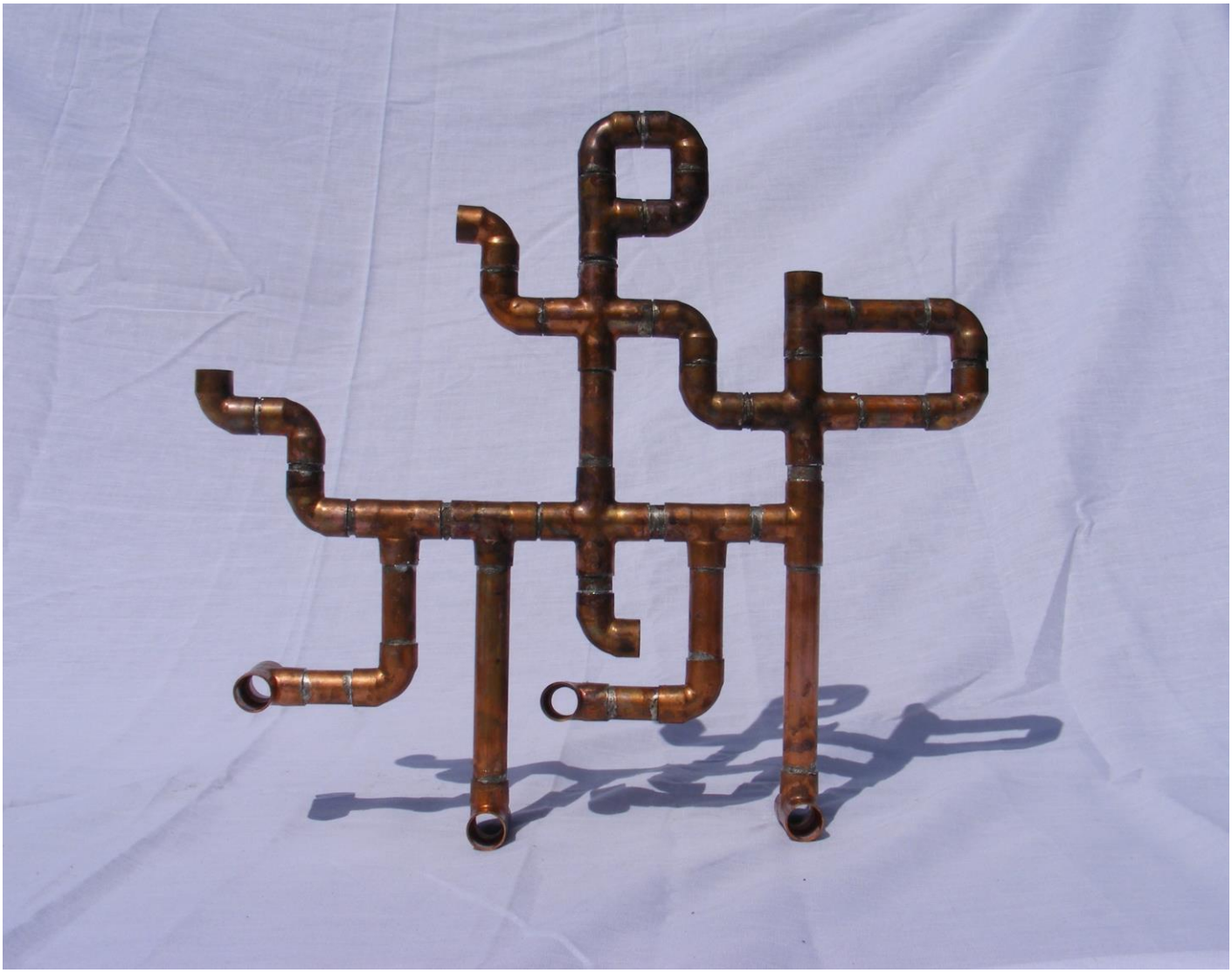


Copper Pipe
19x22x5cm & 19x20x5cm

34. Critter and Bird

Copper Pipe
8x12x3cm & 18x26x5cm

35. Horse Rider

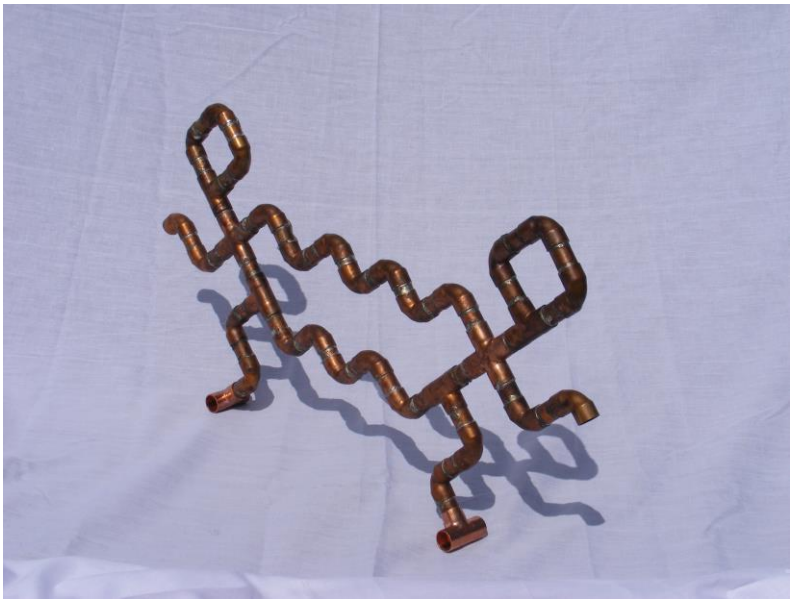


Copper Pipe 33x35x5cm.

36. Two Face Man

Copper Pipe 47x26x10cm.

37. Runners / Dancers

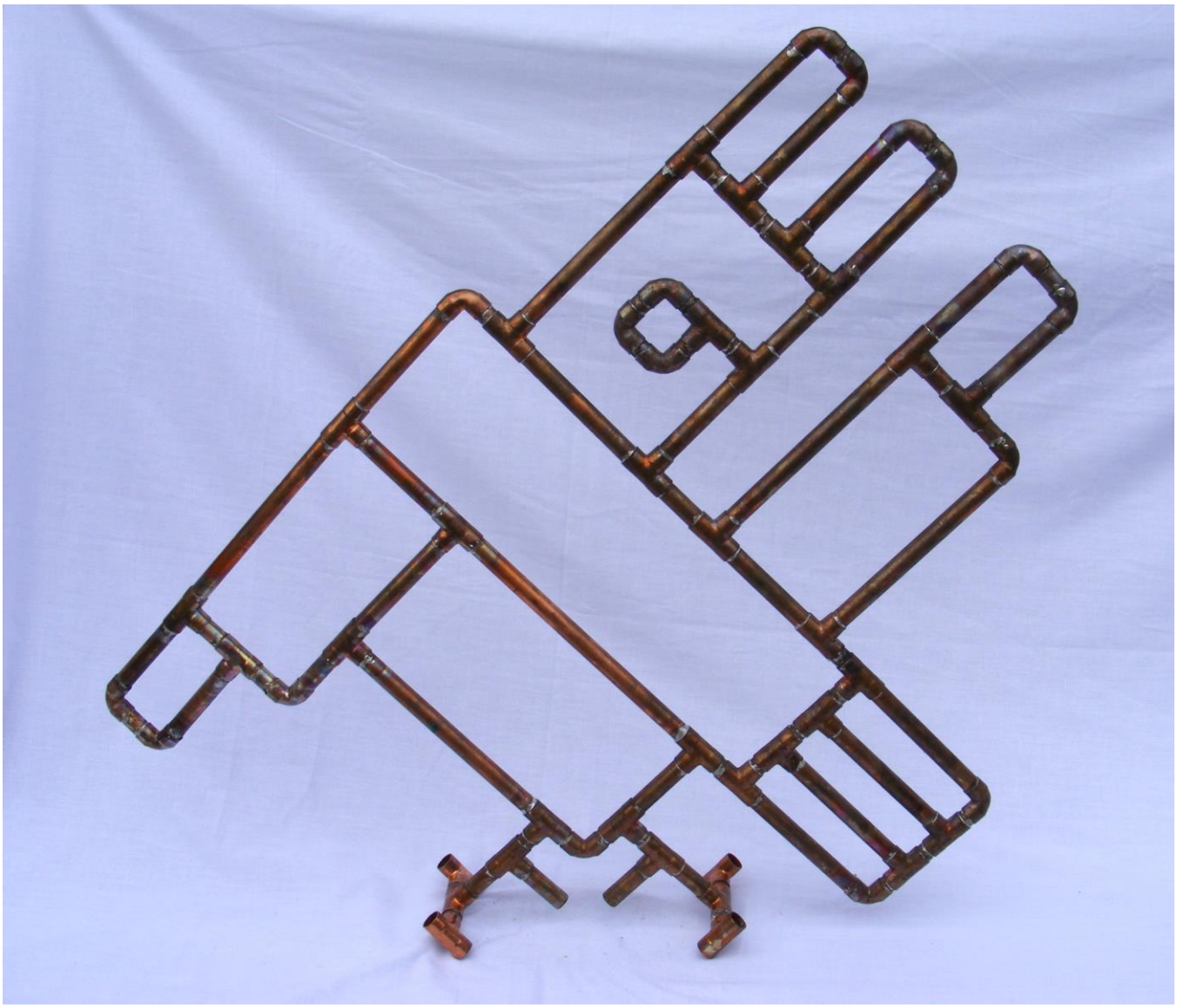


Copper Pipe 28x50x5cm.

38. Rabbit

Copper Pipe 30x31x5cm.

39. Guernica Bird



Copper Pipe 73x70x5cm.

40. Eric Morecambe

Copper Pipe 25x60x10cm.